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Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing the references that are known to applicants. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b). To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action to the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicants also request that an initialed copy of FORM PTO/SB/08A/B be entered in the application file and returned to applicants with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609. Any deficiency of fees for this transaction should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any Deposit Account transaction.

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